

**Amendments to the Claims:**

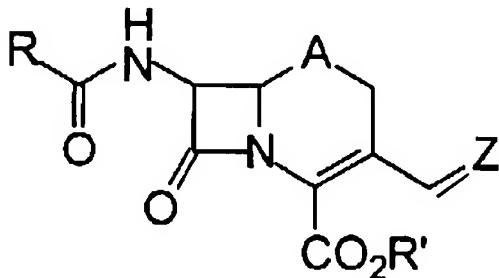
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

These amendments introduce no new matter and support for the amendment is replete throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter, or agreement with any objection or rejection of record.

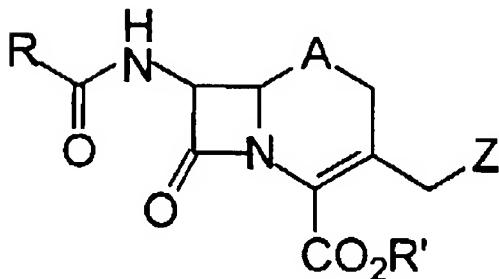
**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1 - 16. (Canceled)**

**Claim 17. (Previously presented)** A compound having the formula:



or



in which

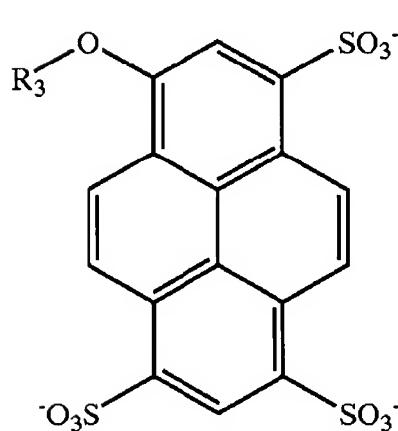
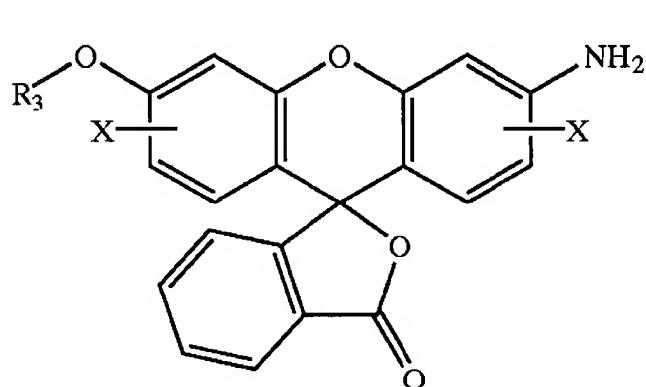
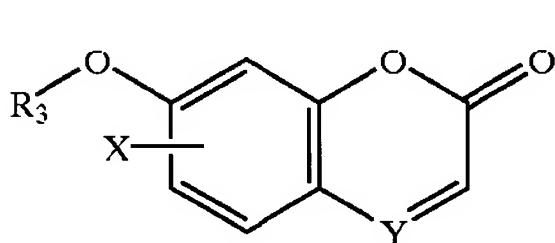
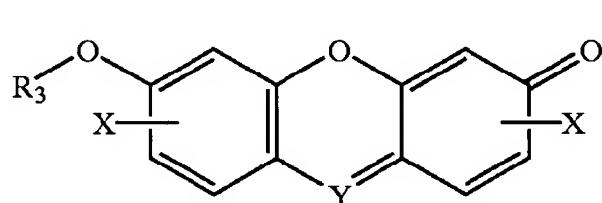
R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, the ammonium cation, and --CHR<sub>2</sub>OCO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, in which

R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl; deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl,

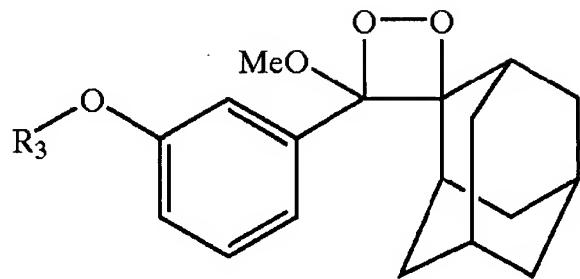
methylsulphinylmethyl,  $\beta$ -morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkylaminocarbonyloxymethyl;

A is selected from the group consisting of O, SO, SO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>; and

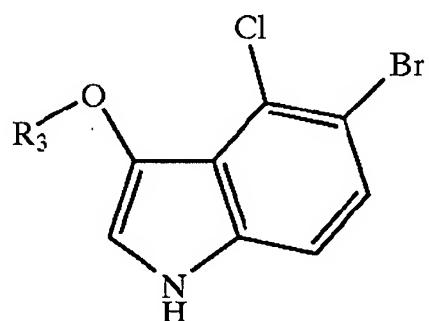
Z is selected from:



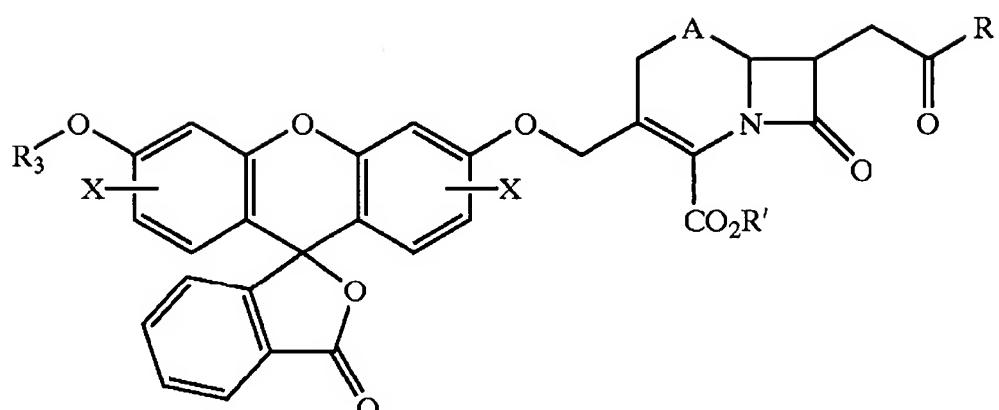
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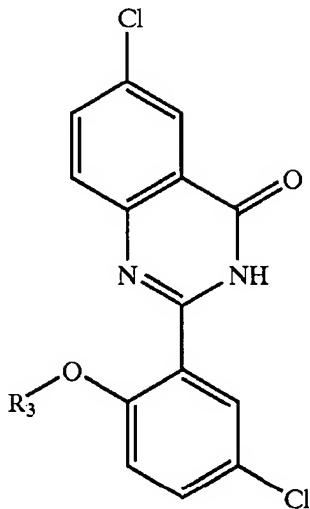


(X)



; and

(XI)



wherein

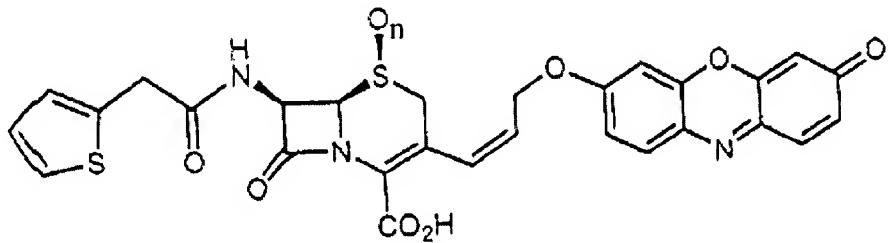
R<sub>3</sub> is a linker;

X is H, F, Cl, Br, or CO<sub>2</sub>R'; and

Y is N, CH, C-CN, or C-CF<sub>3</sub>.

**Claim 18. (Cancelled)**

**Claim 19. (Currently amended)** AThe compound comprising of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein n is 0, 1, or 2.

**Claims 20 - 26. (Cancelled)**